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Location

1. Hatvan which up to 1938 had been a large farmers' town has undergone a rather obvious change in recent years. Hatvan is located southeast of Eger and has a population of about 20 thousand. In 1953 a large grain silo was constructed just east of the railway station. This seven-story building with its high lifting tower is rather modern in construction. It is one of the largest grain silos in the Eger area. The much smaller pre-World War II silo which was located west of the railway station was almost completely destroyed during World War II and has not been rebuilt. Opposite the new silo a tobacco drying and fermenting store was renovated after the war.

Construction of the Military Airfield Near Hatvan

2. Aside from these enterprises, the most important new investment in the area of Hatvan is a large military airfield which stretches east of the locality along the Budapest - Miskolc railway line. A special branch-off connects the airfield with the main line.

3. When passing by the site on a train, you can see the airfield plainly since it is not further than 150 meters OFF the tracks. All of the buildings were constructed in the northwestern corner of the field with the hangars closest to the field. The two runways follow the northwest - southeast direction.

4. The construction of this airfield was started in 1955. At least three thousand workers - all of them "free" - are employed to construct buildings and hangars, and some of the workers are levelling the terrain which is rather easy work since differences in altitude are almost non-existent. Also modern ground machinery was used at this construction site. In May 1956, the state of construction was as follows:

a. The roofs of the military barracks, offices and several other buildings were almost completely finished.

50X1 b. Construction of hangars and workshops was well-advanced but still behind other buildings; [redacted] in the southwest corner of the field, underground hangars will be constructed but up to May 1956 no work had been started there.

c. The runways had only been traced up to May 1956; cement was already stored on the field. The cement factory in Hajdoszoboszlo near Miskolc has

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[redacted] are evidently working to open the roads at the airfield since last spring [spring of 1957]

5. Construction of the airfield will take two more years, and its total cost will amount to about 150 million forints. The airfield will be adapted for the use of jet planes. The airfield will rank among the largest in Hungary. [redacted] this field will be as large as the one near Szombathely, southwest of Kaposvar..

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Oil Exploitation Northeast of Szolnok

6. Oil is still being exploited in the field stretching along the railway line about eight km northeast of Szolnok and north of Martfu-Kocsi. There are at least 14 production wells in this region up to June 1956. A special pipeline connects the oil field with the railway station where additional tanks have been installed to serve as a filling station for [redacted] almost every day a number of full tank cars left the station. Search for oil is still continuing in this region northeast of the present fields, following in the direction of the village of Tiszabura. [redacted] in 1955 about 30 drilling holes were executed there and that in the spring of 1956 half of them were still in operation. [redacted] the deposits discovered in this area up to June 1956 are rather limited, but specialists still hope to strike a rich stretch of oil which should run southward through this area.

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Other New Construction

7. On the oil fields near Szolnok at least one thousand specialists are employed. Near the railway station a very modern workers' settlement was built with all social and supply facilities.

8. Another new investment in the area southeast of Szolnok worth mentioning is a new convalescents' home in the so-called Thermal fields where hot springs were discovered after World War II.

9. In contrast to this development of the area around Szolnok is the obvious decrease in agricultural production. A great number of villages in this region have been forced into collectives. The large vineyards and crops which were flourishing before the war have been neglected.

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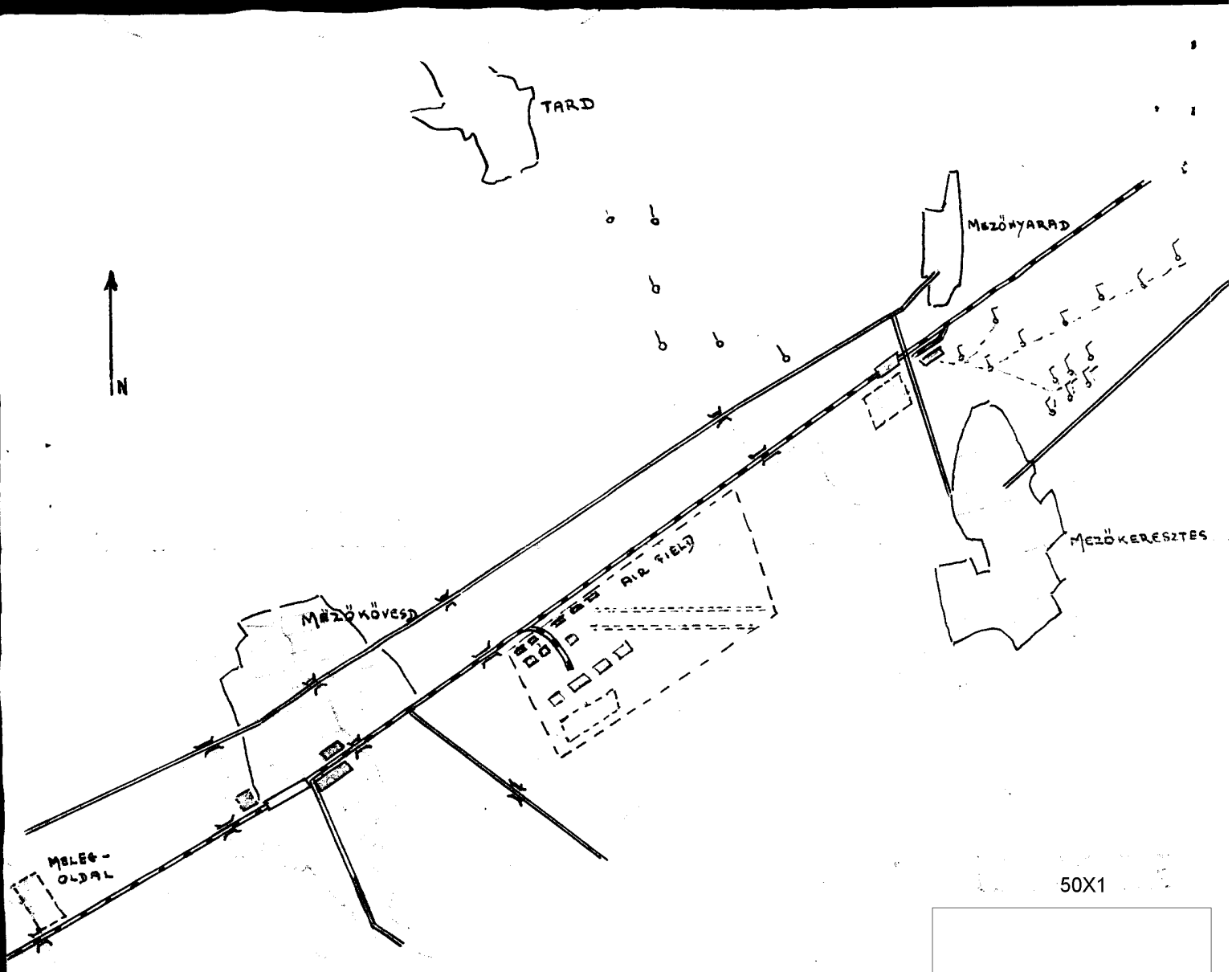

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